

UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 112025-0484

First Inventor Maurizio Portolani et al.

Title SPANNING TREE LOOP GUARD

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages 24]
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
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18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)		First Named Inventor Maurizio Portolani et al.
		Title SPANNING TREE LOOP GUARD
		Atty Docket Number 112025-0484

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

December 7, 2001

Date



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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT **(\$)** **780**

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Application Number	Not yet assigned
Filing Date	December 7, 2001
First Named Inventor	Maurizio Portolani et al.
Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
Group Art Unit	Not yet assigned
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METHOD OF PAYMENT

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Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:

Check Credit card Money
Order Other

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Fee Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English Specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	128	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility Issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design Issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant Issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)				SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 40	

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity			
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101	740	201	370
106	330	206	165
107	510	207	255
108	740	208	370
114	160	214	80
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)		740	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Extra Fee from Claims below Fee Paid			
Total Claims	15	- 20**	= 0 x 18 = 0
Independent Claims	2	- 3**	= 0 x 84 = 0
Multiple Dependent			= 0
Large Entity Small Entity			
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)
103	18	203	9
102	84	202	42
104	280	204	140
109	84	209	42
110	18	210	9
Claims in excess of 20			
Independent claims in excess of 3			
Multiple dependent claim, if not paid			
**Reissue independent claims over original patent			
**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent			
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		0	

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